# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SHANNON C. DICKINSON,

Plaintiff,

-against-

9:16-CV-152 (LEK/DEP)

NATHAN YORK, et al.,

Defendants.

## **ORDER**

### I. INTRODUCTION

This matter comes before the Court following a Report-Recommendation filed on August 6, 2018, by the Honorable David E. Peebles, U.S. Magistrate Judge, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and Local Rule 72.3. Dkt. No. 107 ("Report-Recommendation").

# II. LEGAL STANDARD

Within fourteen days after a party has been served with a copy of a magistrate judge's report-recommendation, the party "may serve and file specific, written objections to the proposed findings and recommendations." Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b); L.R. 72.1(c). If no objections are made, or if an objection is general, conclusory, perfunctory, or a mere reiteration of an argument made to the magistrate judge, a district court need review that aspect of a report-recommendation only for clear error. Barnes v. Prack, No. 11-CV-857, 2013 WL 1121353, at \*1 (N.D.N.Y. Mar. 18, 2013); Farid v. Bouey, 554 F. Supp. 2d 301, 306–07, 306 n.2 (N.D.N.Y. 2008), abrogated on other grounds by Widomski v. State Univ. of N.Y. at Orange, 748 F.3d 471 (2d Cir. 2014); see also Machicote v. Ercole, No. 06-CV-13320, 2011 WL 3809920, at \*2 (S.D.N.Y. Aug. 25, 2011) ("[E]ven a *pro se* party's objections to a

Report and Recommendation must be specific and clearly aimed at particular findings in the magistrate's proposal, such that no party be allowed a second bite at the apple by simply relitigating a prior argument."). "A [district] judge . . . may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate judge." § 636(b). Otherwise, a court "shall make a de novo determination of those portions of the report or specified proposed findings or recommendations to which objection is made." <u>Id.</u>

### III. DISCUSSION

Plaintiff has made a timely objection to the Report-Recommendation. Dkt. No. 108 ("Objection"). However, Plaintiff's objection is a mere reiteration of an argument already made to the Magistrate Judge Peebles. Compare Obj. at 1 with Dkt. No. 90 at 5–6. Accordingly, the Court reviews the Report-Recommendation only for clear error. Barnes, 2013 WL 1121353, at \*1. The Court has reviewed the Report-Recommendation for clear error and has found none. The Court therefore adopts the Report-Recommendation in its entirety and grants Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment.

### IV. CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is hereby:

ORDERED, that the Report-Recommendation (Dkt. No. 107) is APPROVED and ADOPTED in its entirety; and it is further

ORDERED, that Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment (Dkt. No. 83) is
GRANTED; and the Third Amended Complaint (Dkt. No. 23) is DISMISSED; and it is further
ORDERED, that the Clerk of the Court serve a copy of this Order on all parties in
accordance with the Local Rules.

# IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED:

August 31, 2018 Albany, New York

U.S. District Judge